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# IRMA TIMES

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Irma, Alberta, Friday, January 17, 1947

## Easterly Echoes

Mr. Frank Crabb has left for a holiday trip to the coast.

With the coast also as his destination, Mr. James Paul planned to leave Irma on Tuesday. He has moved his house into town to relieve the housing shortage for the winter.

Mr. Stuart Fenton, a member of the Irma senior hockey club, had the misfortune to have a rib broken by a skate in the game played in Irma Saturday night against Hardisty. He played in two more games before being forced to seek medical aid.

Miss Marjorie (Marie) Kennedy accompanied her father, Mr. Jas. Kennedy, to Edmonton the last of the week to have her eyes tested.

Mrs. Rome is rejoicing in the news that on December 28, a baby girl, Leslie Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Stockdale (née Grace Rome) of Edmonton, a sister for Ronnie.

Mr. Howard Oldham has gone to Vancouver to take treatments for his health.

## Glen-Coa Gleanings

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smallwood spent the holiday season in Edmonton with their daughter.

Mr. Curtis Satre is attending the Lutheran Bible Institute at Camrose.

Sharon Luther League was unable to hold its New Year Watch-Night program as planned, because of weather conditions. This is the first time since these yearly programs started that one has been missed.

Mr. O. Likness was a Saskatoon visitor from Jan. 13 to 16. His brother, Mr. M. Likness of Winkler, Sask., accompanied him home.

Sharon Ladies Aid will meet on Jan. 23, at the home of Mrs. Fred Knudson.

Miss Betty McKay is also attending the Lutheran Bible Institute at Camrose.

It is rumored that there is a new Mercury in the district. Congratulations, Torlef!

## TO THE IRMA W.L.

There came a Xmas parcel from the Women's Institute—Gold, frankincense, myrrh? No. But candy, nuts and fruit. It brightened up my Christmas. And cheered me on my way.

This kind and friendly token On Some One's natal day, — Some One who taught that kindness And friendliness and cheer; When tendered unto others.

Brought even Heaven near. I, who received the favor, Find this to be a fact, And thank you deeply, truly, For such a loving act.

—Nancy O. Parke.

"The function of the church is not to provide entertainment or to be a social club but to minister to the spiritual needs of people who are thinking more than ever today of the very things for which the church stands." —Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston.

## For FUN and FROLIC

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## Northern Nuggets

### RESIGNS AFTER 25 YEARS IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. Ramsay last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ramsay celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on January 9 at the home of Ms. Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fleming received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Percy Miller and Morris, also Mr. and Mrs. C. Ramsay, on Saturday evening.

Mr. Leigh Currie was a caller on Mr. W. D. Ramsay last Friday. Messrs. E. Larson, Robt. Allen and L. Barsb were among Edmonton visitors last week.

Messrs. D. Ramsay and R. Johnson assisted Mannville hockey club in a losing battle against Myrnam last Saturday night.

Mr. James Tully has commenced employment at the farm of Mr. Joe Fleming. A shortage of feeding cattle forced Mr. J. Allen to relinquish Mr. Tully's services.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Currie entertained a few couples to cards. These included Mr. and Mrs. Erling Larson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. V. Bjork.

Mrs. Leigh Currie entertained Mrs. V. Bjork, Mrs. McRoberts and Mrs. Ivan Currie on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. McRoberts entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. Lukens, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lukens and Mr. and Mrs. P. Miller last Friday evening.

## Public Notice

### ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

#### OF THE VILLAGE OF IRMA

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors of the Village of Irma will be held on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 1947, at 8:00 p.m. in Hedley hall, Hedley Block, Irma, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Mayor, Secretary-Treasurer and chairmen of the various committees of council for the year ending December 31, 1946.

DATED at Irma this 15th day of January, 1947.

A. C. CHARTER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### TRYING INTO PLANT LIFE

Plants use sun energy to convert water and carbon into the produce of the farms and forests. The plants are enabled so to do by a mysterious chemical known as chlorophyll, which makes leaves green. Life on this world is dependent on this intricate process of nature, known as photosynthesis.

The scientists, however, are hot on the trail of this secret of nature. The type of men who developed the atom bomb believe they will eventually unravel this riddle of plant life. What the result will be is presently incalculable, but it will revolutionize food production.

Dr. C. F. Kettering, head of the research department of General Motors, has used his own money to finance research into chlorophyll and photosynthesis for over ten years. A couple of weeks ago at a scientific convention held in Boston, the subject was discussed. Said Kettering: "The underbrush of confusion is being cleared away and the area of ignorance being defined."

If the secret is discovered, food can be produced so cheaply the whole world can be adequately fed. What will happen to agriculture is another matter!—Wheat Pool Budget.

### OMISSION

During the rush of getting out the Christmas issue on Dec. 20, a holiday greeting from the Hansen Service Station was omitted in error which the Times publishers and Miss Reeves regret exceedingly. No blame is attached to Miss Reeves for this error as this firm was on the list with the others.

We trust the Hansen Service Station will overlook our oversight in this matter.

—THE PUBLISHERS

On Monday, January 13, at the regular meeting held in Mannville, Mr. W. D. Ramsay, councillor for division 2 of the Minburn municipality, handed his resignation to the proper authorities.

Mr. Ramsay's term of office has been a lengthy one. Since 1922 Mr. Ramsay has served his public without an election of opposition. In 1942, after 20 years as a councillor of Buffalo Coulee municipality No. 453, he became and continued as councillor in the Municipality of Minburn No. 453. The enlarged municipality had a larger view on his responsibilities which he had always met with steady assurance. Last year the number was changed to Minburn Municipality No. 72. After 24 years of service, younger men plentiful enough, Mr. Ramsay's colleagues chose to select him as their chairman in a newly-formed organization, namely the Agricultural Service Board. To date he has served in this capacity with the same regular attendance and all-around good record. Even at the time of his resignation Mr. Ramsay did so with a great deal of regret.

As a parting gift from his municipal associates, Mr. Ramsay received a beautiful Waterman's "Stateleigh" Taperrite pen and pencil set. This gift was given with the heartiest wishes for the future from Messrs. Wm. Revill, reeve of the municipality and councillor of div. 3, Chas. Stewart of div. 7, F. H. Eyben, div. 1, Paul Kominsky, div. 6, Joseph Johnston, div. 4, Steve Chernicki, div. 5, R. T. Dorward, sec-treas., and R. W. Hay, assistant sec-treas.

We all wish Mr. Ramsay much happiness in his retirement from his office as councillor.

## Hockey

Last Saturday the Wainwright Pee-Wees motored to Irma to take on the Irma Roughnecks. A fair crowd was in attendance to see Irma team was awarded a new goal stick for winning. This low score on Irma was due mainly to Walter Enger in the net, who made several nice stops. Irma counters were B. Masson with 2 goals, M. Frickleton 1 goal and 1 assist, D. Hockett, 1 goal and 3 assists. Wainwright's lone goal was counted by Tony from Cofield on a shot which bounced off an Irma player into the net. There were 3 penalties handed out to Wainwright and 3 to Irma.

The next game will be Irma at Wainwright on Sat. Jan. 18.

On Thursday Jan. 9, the Irma Juniors motored to Wainwright to play a fast and furious hockey game. The Irma team came out on top by a 7-2 score. Goal-getters were Ramsay 2, Peterson 2, Glover 1, Sonneff 2.

Then on Sat. Jan. 11 the Juniors with about 40 other Irmaites, went to Viking where the Irma team came across with another team by a score of 2-1 with their last goal coming with only 3 minutes left to play. Goals were scored by Glover and Fletcher.

Be sure and be on hand for the Irma vs. Viking game on the 23rd in Irma. All hockey fans are asked to give their support. This should be a fast game.

### T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What would be the effect upon an ex-patient when working under compressed air? This refers in particular to that type of work which an engineer or inspector would encounter in pneumatic caisson construction. Would work of this kind be advisable for an arrested case of pulmonary tuberculosis?

A. As a rule people who have had tuberculosis, especially with activity in recent years, should not engage in occupations where the atmospheric pressure is increased and diminished considerably in a short period of time. The variations in pressure may help to cause tearing of scar tissue, lung congestion, etc.

## World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange  
THE HIGH COST OF  
PRICE SECURITY

Throughout the world there seems to be at the moment a wave of thinking that Governments should provide "security" for all of us, in some countries attempts are being made to provide that security. In Britain, for instance, the Government has guaranteed farmers set prices on certain farm products. In return, however, the farmers have had to give up to the Government the entire supervision and control of their farming operations. Those farmers who in any way do not live up to the stringent government regulations may be heavily fined, or imprisoned, or may have their farms taken from them. The first case under the new Act was that of a farmer from Spalding, Lincolnshire—Mr. Ralph Bishop, who was sent to prison for four months and fined \$6,000.00 for sowing 6 acres of a certain crop more than the Govt. regulations permitted. One can only wonder how long the sturdy independent British farmers will submit to having their complete operations controlled and dictated by bureaucrats.

What a birth-right of hard-won liberty, freedom and independence these British farmers have forfeited for a "mess of potage" of temporary price security!

One wonders what the British farmers will buy with their extra price one half as precious as the freedom and liberty they have given up.

## W.M.S. Entertain

On the evening of Tues. Jan. 14 the members of the Irma W.M.S. met in the United church for the purpose of meeting with and entertaining the CGT group and the explorers together with their respective leaders, Misses V. Simmerman and Lorraine Loving. "Indians" and "Indians" were the Indian devotions, the Indian dances and the quiz and action game of "Mongoose and Cobra." Before lunch was served, the girls were met by numbers of the W.M.S. in Hindu costume who performed for their young guests the office of Hindu servants presenting them with flowers and perfume for their hands and pouring water on their hands in proper oriental style. The lunch consisted of peanut butter and banana sandwiches, rice dressed with curried and mustard seed, peanut butter cookies with peanut butter.

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Correspondence from the Wainwright school division No. 32 asking the council to endorse rural health districts salary schedule, tabled until February meeting.

By-law 182 concerning the sale of the SE 34-4-9 to Thomas J. Bronson for \$150.00 cash, was presented, and passed its first second and final readings.

By-law 183 concerning the sale of the SE 17-43-4 to Norman S. Norland for \$300.00, \$50.00 cash, \$100.00 July 1, 1947, \$150.00 November 1, 1947, at 5 per cent interest, was presented and passed its first, second and final readings.

Mr. J. Stevens who has spent the last month at his home here, is now working near Sedgewick.

Miss Frances Brown entertained a number of her friends at her home Saturday evening.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies Aid held on Jan. 9, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. F. Long—President.  
Mrs. P. Moller—Secretary.  
Mrs. G. Paterson—Treasurer.

On the occasion of his birthday Jan. 10, Mr. D. Corbett received a long distance phone call of congratulations from his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Koos and grandchildren of Detroit Mich.

## M. D. Wainwright Council Minutes

The council of the municipal district of Wainwright, No. 61 met in the council chamber at Wainwright, Alberta, on Thursday, January 9, 1947. Councillors Dallyn, Sutherland, Taylor, Golding, and Archibald present, reeve Sutherland in the chair.

Miss P. M. Spence was introduced to the council as the new steno-bookkeeper, who received their best wishes.

Golding—That the minutes of December 12, 1946, be accepted and written. Cd.

Taylor—That the balance of accounts as recommended by the finance committee and subsequent accounts passed by council, in the amount of \$3,613.73, be passed and paid. Cd.

Taylor—That this council declare the minister of health to declare the following area as part of the Wainwright hospital district No. 17:

Township 46, range 3, south and west of Battle River; township 43 ranges 1, 2 and 3; township 44, ranges 1 and 2; township 45, ranges 1 and 2, south and west of Battle River. Cd.

Sutherland—That this council accept the resignation of Dr. H. G. Folkins as municipal doctor for the area as contained in by-law No. 43 of the municipal district of Wainwright, No. 61, to take effect March 31, 1947. Cd.

Golding—That Messrs. Taylor and Dallyn be appointed as a committee to interview the doctors of the Wainwright clinic with the view of having them make professional visits to the village of Chauvin, and that the committee also wait on the Chauvin village council to present their findings from the interview with the clinic doctors. Cd.

Secretary reported that the director of assessments advised December 31, 1946, that the assessment made in 1945 was unchanged for purposes of equalization.

Secretary having reported that no monies having been deposited in the Bank of Montreal at Wainwright in trust to the secretary-treasurer, that C. Wilbourn, secretary-treasurer, be authorized to make all deposits and sign all cheques for this trust account. Cd.

Archibald—That in the matter of Victor Cyre admission into the provincial training school at Red Deer, that the council approve the actions of the reeve and secretary in authorizing the admittance of said Victor Cyre to the said training school. Cd.

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Archibald—That Mr. Dallyn be a committee with reference to the application to purchase the SW 5-43-1 and report at February meeting. Cd.

Correspondence read to and from the department of public works as to snow ploughing the road into the village of Edgerton, secretary was instructed to write the department again that the municipal district is willing to pay this expense if the government plough will do

## At the Churches

IRMA UNITED CHURCH  
Strawberry Plains—Public Wor-  
ship—11:00  
Albert—Public worship—2 p.m.  
Irma Sunday school—11:00 a.m.  
Worship service—7:30.  
"Upon this rock will I build my  
church." Matt. 16:18.  
The Rev. H. W. Inglis will be in  
charge.

A hearty invitation to all.

## CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma—Bible school 2:15 p.m.

Gospel service 8 p.m.

A friendly welcome to all.

"The Lord shall be thy confi-  
dence, and shall keep thy foot  
from being taken." Prov. 3:26.

## Community Cook Book

### Casserole of Rice and Meat:

2 cups cooked rice.

1/2 teaspoon salt.

1/2 teaspoon onion juice.

2 cups chopped meat.  
Stock or gravy to moisten.  
Line buttered mould with a  
thick layer of rice, well packed  
down. Pack in meat mixture and  
cover with layer of rice. Bake for  
about forty-five minutes, turn out  
on platter and serve with tomato  
sauce.

Mrs. H. L. Black.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Ladies' Aid for the lovely flowers they sent to us at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Askin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adams Ltd.

By law given an order for 70 sets of

12 ft. grader blades and 5 sets of

10 ft. grader blades for 201 grader.

Cd.

Taylor—That the secretary

write the minister of public works

to complete highway No. 14 to the

meridian line in 1947, copies of

this letter be sent to Mr. W. Mason

M.I.A. and to the Wainwright and

District Board of Trade. Cd.

Sutherland—That the secretary

advise the department of public

works that the following roads be

declared district highways: from

the SE 18-46-5 north to the NE

corner 31-45-5. East two miles to

the SE 4-47-5 hence north to the

bridge over Battle River. From the

NE 7-46-6 east 11 miles. From the

SE 2-45-6 north to the NE 23-45-6.

East one mile through the narrows

of Frazier Lake and north to the

NE 7-46-5. Cd.

Request the PFA to check

Ranges 8 and 9 for possible wheat

acreage bonus.

Sutherland—That the report of

the field supervisor as at Decem-

ber 31, 1946, be accepted as given.

Cd.

Golding—That meeting adjourn.

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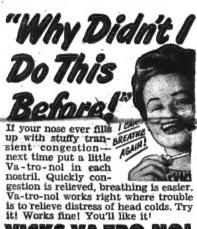
## The Question Of Immigration

**THERE ARE INDICATIONS** that at the coming session of Parliament one of the most important questions to be considered will be that of immigration. There is growing interest throughout the country in this subject, and already some measures have been taken by the government in respect to it. Recently an Order-in-Council was passed, making it possible, under certain conditions, for relatives of Canadians to enter this country. It has also been announced that some special immigration officers had been sent to Europe because of the need for Canada to take a part in the solution of the refugee problem there.

### "Open Door" Is Not Favoured

There is no suggestion, even on the part of those most strongly in favor of an expansive immigration program, to institute a "wide open door policy" such as existed here during the early part of this century. A Senate committee on immigration which has made a close study of the problem proposes a plan of "selective attraction". Under this plan, immigration officers would be stationed in Europe to interview prospective settlers there, relatives and friends of Canadians would have priority in entering this country, and the immigration act would be revised to allow for the finding and selection of immigrants. The report further proposes a "vigorous administration" to encourage the free movement of desirable types of settlers into Canada.

**Shortage Of Labor In U.K.** is reported that officials coming from the United Kingdom are unwilling to discuss immigration at this time, but it is considered probable that when Canada's policy in regard to this matter is clarified it will be found that people in the United Kingdom may be discouraged from leaving to live elsewhere because of the urgent need for all available labor to carry out post-war projects there. Whatever may develop in the future, it is apparent that there will be much interest both here and abroad, in any discussions which may take place in parliament in connection with this important problem.



### Britain's Oldest Peer

Was Given Only Few Hours To Live Ninety-Eight Years Ago

The London Daily Mail reports that Britain's oldest peer, Lord Hayter, who was christened in his mother's bedroom because the doctors gave him only a few hours to live, died at Chiswick, aged 98. He had refused a life insurance policy at the age of 21, because of his delicate health. Eventually he became deputy chairman of the company that refused him. He was the ninth man in London to have a telephone number—London 9. Knighted by Queen Victoria, Lord Hayter was the oldest knight bachelor (1875) and the last bachelor (1909) in all being as the oldest peer. He was so far as is known, also the oldest volunteer in the Kingdom, having been a cadet in one of Lord Truro's London regiments at the age of 12.

### A One-Man Show

No Large Committee Was Needed To Welcome Distinguished Guest

During the 1944 presidential election campaign, Governor Dewey was scheduled to make a radio speech originating in a small mid-western city. The network with which the local station was affiliated sent the following telegram to the station owner:

"Gov. Dewey arrives Monday at 9:22 p.m. Please have on hand at railhead station, your general manager, commercial manager, program director, news director, special events director, chief announcer, and chief engineer."

The station owner wired back: "Don't worry. I'll be there."

### RAW FURS

Vancouver's fur market for western Canadian raw furs, we claim to be the people who give you the best returns. The skins we offer you are the best you can buy, heavy pelts such as beaver, badger, skunk by express delivery. To get accurate prices, send us your sample. A complete set of Canada's fur game skins, including the most valuable skins, valued \$10, or more; this set took over 10 years to secure at a cost of over \$1000.00.

H. MUNRO, 1931 Kingsway, Vancouver (established 1913)

### Might Have Been Rich

Miner Did Not Know Clay Walls Of House Contained Gold

When Jack Smythe heard the wonderful story of a quick-draw wealth which drifted back from the Victorian goldfields, he forsook his carmine tools and made his way to drift from field to field without success. Smythe was a proud man. He had seen his friends win fortunes from the earth, while he had accumulated only enough gold to secure necessities. They had succeeded. He had failed. Finally, he decided to retire to the country of his birth. He chose Yankuk, in Victoria, a place where, he knew, there was a worked-out mine near which he could make his home. He built his home from clay taken from the disused pit. There he lived in happiness until his death. Later, a neighbor decided to convert the ground where the house stood into a garden. The house was demolished and as it crashed, a man saw ingrained in the bricks tiny specks of gold. The bricks yielded several hundred ounces—for Jack Smythe had built his home from an undiscovered vein in the worked-out mine. Fate had allowed him to live in near-poverty in a house worth thousands of pounds, records Cavalier Storyteller Radio Program, of Australia.

**EXTRA BARS NEEDED TO KEEP PRISONER IN CELL**

EDGEMONT, Ky.—A 16-year-old boy, so small that the jailer said extra bars had to be placed on his cell, was being held on a murder charge here.

Judge J. M. King said he ordered Lester Little, 14, held on the charge under \$5,000 bond in connection with the fatal shooting of the boy's cousin, a citizen, 29.

Sheriff Charles McIntosh said the extra bars were put on the cell to keep him from slipping through. McIntosh said the shooting occurred after Little became involved in an argument over a watch chain while engaged in a shooting match.

### HORRIBLE THOUGHT

They had been married only a month, and he had left for a few weeks, while she prepared a salad in the kitchen.

Suddenly a piercing scream rang out and he rushed to the kitchen, prepared to face he knew not what. "Whatever is the matter, darling?" he panted.

"It's a—caterpillar!" she gasped. "Oh, Red, what if I had been in the house alone!"

### A BIG DIFFERENCE

The average daily calorie consumption of students in Greece is 970, Germany 960-1,500, Austria 700, compared with 3,300 calories in Canada and the minimum healthful diet of 2,000 calories.

### AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER ESCAPES BEHEADING

Tells Of Harrowing Experience Under Japanese Custody

TOKYO.—An Australian soldier told the International War Crimes Court that he had lived through a Japanese officer's attempt to behead him—"I felt a heavy, dull blow on both sides of my head and eventually had crawled to safety after reverting consciousness to find himself buried in a shallow grave."

He was the first witness called when Australians began the final phase of the international prosecution which began last June 3.

The soldier, Col. Colin Fleming Brine, 23, of Sydney, New South Wales, said his botched "execution" took place after he had been captured and interned in battle near Singapore early in 1942.

A platoon of Japanese soldiers and 15 Japanese officers stood in formation in a jungle clearing, Brine testified, while "I was searched; then the officer who brought me to the clearing said in English: 'You are going to meet your God'."

Brine was ordered to lie down with his feet and legs tied behind his back and his wrists tied behind his back and a sword tied over his eyes. The officer, sword in hand, loosened Brine's shirt collar and bent his head forward.

"After a few seconds I felt a heavy, dull blow on the back of my neck," he continued. "I fell over on my right side, then lost consciousness."

With regaining consciousness, I was lying at the bottom of the grave underneath clouds of earth. I had a large wound in the back of my neck and was covered with blood."

"I lay there for about an hour, I could not use my hands, and the only way I could get out was to lever (move) the pile of clods with my feet. I managed to dislodge them and crawl out, and staggered into the jungle grass, where I lay all day."

Brine testified he had been captured and held to his wrists. After three days, he reached Singapore where he surrendered to civil police who handed him over to their Japanese masters.

He recuperated in Changi prison hospital, and remained in various prisoner of war camps at Singapore until the end of the war, he added.

### WILL TAKE YEARS

John Cunningham, chief test pilot of the De Havilland aircraft company, said it would take a British night flyer six or seven years to learn all the intricacies of flying faster than the speed of sound.

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Tin, one of the earliest metals discovered, is mentioned in several books of the Bible.

But in the red blood mixture, the military surgeons placed a much stronger concentration of the wonder drug. In most cases, only one application of this penicillin in human jelly had to be used.

Col. Jansey said no bad effects of any sort had been reported. Hemoglobin, which is the tissue ingredient of blood, has a stimulating effect on tissue growth.

In the hemoglobin the penicillin is released slowly. Pure penicillin did not have the same good effect in wounds, both because it was absorbed too rapidly and because it was irritating to the wound.

Dr. Herbert Jansey, of New York, reported that tattooing changes the color of the dark, bluish, smooth birthmarks known as port wine stains to nearly normal skin color. Wine has nothing to do with these disfigurations.

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The young wife greeted her husband affectionately when he returned from the office.

"Poor darling!" she said. "You must be tired and hungry. You have been away all day, followed

by nice tender chops with golden-brown potatoes and green beans, and then mushrooms on toast?"

"No, darling," her husband answered firmly. "Let's have the money and eat at home."

A Negro who had been exploring chicken coops heard that the sheriff was after him. Hastily he sought the railway station and asked for a ticket to the end of the line on the fastest train.

"Our fastest train left just ten minutes ago," he was told.

"Well," gasped the Negro, "I'm on track!"

The young father was marching up and down with a wailing infant in his arms, when there came a knock at the door. It was the tenant from below, carrying a pair of new shoes.

"I say, old man," he said, "while you're about it, you might break these for me."

"Is there anything you fancy to eat before the execution?" asked the warden.

"Yes, mushrooms," said the condemned man. "I've always been scared to try them in case I'd be poisoned."

Two sweet young things were discussing affairs of the heart.

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The office of the inspector of taxes and the collector of taxes were in the same building.

A woman who got into the lift said to the liftboy: "Taxes."

"Collector or inspector?" asked the boy.

"Taxes, please," replied the lady.

"Now, look 'ere, ma'am," said the liftboy. "Do you want ter pay or just 'ave an argument?"

A young man, after eight years' absence abroad, alighted at his home station and despite his expectations there was no one there to meet him. He then caught sight of the stationmaster, a friend since boyhood, and he was about to extend a hearty greeting when the other spoke first.

"Hello, George!" he said. "Goin' away?"

Scot (seeing his first horse) said: "I'm goin' laddies chasin' about the ice get paid?"

Friend—"Oh yes; big salaries."

Scot—"And the lad between the posts. Is he paid, too?"

Friend—"Certainly; highly paid."

Scot—"Wouldn't it be cheaper to board up the weal place?"

Friend—"Yes, but it's a waste of time."

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# "SALADA"

## TEA BAGS

So handy

OUR COMPLETE  
SHORT STORY—

### BULLFROGGER

By LEALON MARTIN, JR.

Copyright Wheeler Newspaper Syndicate

STEADILY the Mary Jane pushed, then satisfied to be just a ferry pilot, the blunt barges, heavy with oil for Cincinnati, against the down sweep of the Mississippi's easy current. Her long, long, long, the deep thump of a good engine.

Cap'n Tom Leatherwood, coming into the wheel house to start his trick, granted she was a fine little tug. Far a tug went. She'd made good time since Jim had swung her away from Baton Rouge, where her barges had been pumped full of oil, and to Cap'n Tom a tug was just a tug. Not a word about the Johnson City.

"I'll take her now, Jim," he told the other pilot.

As he settled himself upon the tall stool behind the wheel, he remembered that this was an occasion. His first full shift as a long trade pilot! Him a long trader! He still couldn't believe it.

"But this here's temporary. I'm a bullfrogger," he assured himself. He tugged his cap down firmly and spat into the swirling, cootie-bruised water, then he turned to emphasize the point. Loyally, he turned his thoughts to the Johnson City.

There was a ferry for you! Twenty years regularly shuttling to and fro across Old Al—and never once had she let him down. Carried goodness knows how many thousands of folks across the Mississippi. And their cars and goods, too, in the winter and what not. Without a bad accident in all that time! 'Twas something to make a man feel real pleasant. Cap'n Tom jiggled the Mary Jane's wheel ever so slightly, caressingly, as the he used to do the Johnson City's.

A record like that was hard to tie. Pilots in the long trade, running up and down the long, long river, Pittsburgh, laughed at bullfroggers. But Cap'n Tom had always been more

rules, swing out from shore, on their port side, when the Mary Jane and her tow were already half through the stretch. Tom had himself played tricks, with the Johnson City, to aggravate uppity long traders. But he'd never set out deliberately to wreck a tow like this ferry man was doing. Couldn't the man see?

Disaster was rushing down upon his tow with every churn of the paddlewheel, of that angling, clumsy ferry. The long traders could not get out of the way now. Cap'n Tom knew to a fine hair's breadth what a ferry could or couldn't do. This fellow had miscalculated his drift. He could almost feel the crushing impact—and a thousand-foot tow is no canoe for manoeuvring—but Cap'n Tom went into action.

At first on the whistle cord... quick orders to the engine room... a sure, deaf hand on the wheel... the big knotty finger... moving upon its spokes with the sure grace of a surgeon's touch.

And the little Mary Jane answered valiantly.

Slowly, slowly, the long, sluggish tow moved, then, slowly, slowly, aches away. Cap'n Tom delivered a magnificent barrage of words upon the hapless ferry. Finally he stopped for breath and turned to Pete.

"Why, why..." he stuttered. "Did you see that bullfrogger? Why?"

"Great saves, Cap'n Tom!" Pete's grin was wide enough to split his face. "You're a long trader now, Cap'n Tom. For sure!"

Cap'n Tom's anger fizzed. For a long moment he stared at the cook. Then he nodded.

"Well, temporarily, anyhow," he said—and added what was really important in his mind. "Say, did you notice how the Mary Jane handled herself?" He patted the big wheel gently and a slow smile creased his face.

"There's a sweetheart!" said Cap'n Tom.

### Fashions



4916  
SIZES  
12-20

By ANNE ADAMS  
Doubly Delightful

As always with anything that mentioned the River, he'd read the article carefully. Storm and the worst winter in memory in that part of East needed more oil. There wasn't enough to meet needs—and one of the reasons was a lack of River pilots. Barge lines could haul more oil, if they had more pilots. "Unless stocks can be built up," the story ended, "the coming months will be critical. Many schools may be forced to close."

"This is doubly bad," he said. "I could not abide the picture of children cold and schools closed when he could do a bit, even a tiny bit, to help. He had gone directly to the phone.

"Decided take you up on that piloting job," he told Mr. Menger, "but only temporarily, y'understand."

And here he was, piloting a tow! Cap'n Tom looked sideways as he heard someone coming into the wheel house. It was Dr. Chase, the Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, soon gave me new pep and energy and put me on my feet!"

### "I Know Just How You Feel"

"I know because I have been that way myself. I have been so chronically tired that I thought I would never get out of bed again."

"I know because I have been that way myself."

Ask for the new easy, easy size bottle of

**Dr. Chase's Nerve Food**

60 pills—60cts.

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# Auditor's Financial Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 1946

## VILLAGE OF IRMA

Auditor: Patquin, Duncan, McLary, McLary and King. Address: 431 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Alberta. Number of verification tax notices mailed by auditor under sec. 95(3)...20  
 Mayor: V. Hutchinson, Address: Irma Sec. Treas. A. C. Charter. Address: Irma Amount of bond: \$1,250.00 No. of bond: 110724 Company: Canadian Indemnity Company  
 Date suretyship began: July 27, 1946. Bond renewed to: Jan. 1, 1947. Has bond been changed during 1946? From E. W. Carter to A. C. Charter Name of bank: Bank of Montreal At: Wainwright

### RECEIPTS (General)

Balances Dec. 31, 1945 (in bank)	
Municipal or General acct....	\$3,961.87
Agriculture trust.....	431.69
School tax trust.....	50.06
Cemetery trust acct.....	381.47
	4,825.09
<b>Receipts on Account Mun. Taxation</b>	
Mun. taxes only or amalgamated taxes	7,364.21
<b>Licenses and Permits</b>	
Amusement 15.00, vehicles 15.00	30.00
Animals.....	29.00
	59.00
<b>Rents, Concessions and Franchises</b>	
Sundry rentals.....	5.00
<b>Investment Earnings</b>	
Interest earnings.....	45.00
<b>Service Charges</b>	
Commissions: school.....	2.50
LTO fees 2.00, costs 31.32.....	33.32
	35.82
<b>Recreation and Community Services</b>	
Agricultural Grounds.....	11.50
Skating Rink.....	30.20
Cemetery.....	18.00
	59.70
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Sale of Curling Rink.....	86.40
Salvation Army Collection.....	20.00
Material sold.....	8.00
	114.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,508.22</b>

### PAYMENTS (General)

<b>General Government</b>	
Salaries: Sec.-Treas.....	513.30
Assessor.....	15.00
Audit fees.....	27.65
Printing and stationery.....	153.37
LTO 35.75, elections 6.50.....	42.25
Postage, telegrams, telephone.....	58.01
Insurance 50.00, office exp. 4.35.....	54.35
Ass'n fees 5.00, bond prem. 7.90.....	12.90
Travelling.....	24.75
Freight and express.....	4.91
Fuel 63.00, safekeeping 1.25.....	64.25
Advertising.....	30.95
	1,001.69
<b>Protection to Person and Property</b>	
Fire dept. 66.29, police 721.23.....	787.52
Destruction of pests and weeds.....	49.75
Street lighting.....	468.00
	1,305.27
<b>Public Works</b>	
Municipal property.....	65.20
Workmen's Compensation Bd. ....	8.55
Material.....	492.16
Labor and Machinery rentals.....	568.05
	1,133.96
<b>Conservation of Health</b>	
Medical Health Officer.....	75.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>	
Doctors.....	72.00
Old Age and Blind Pensions.....	240.45
Returned Men's Banquet.....	30.00
Blind.....	10.00
Salvation Army Grant.....	10.00
Collection Paid.....	20.00
	382.45
<b>Education</b>	
Public school requisition.....	4,668.40
<b>Recreation and Community Services</b>	
Curling rink.....	16.35
Skating rink.....	219.95
Cemetery.....	169.85
Agricultural Grounds.....	37.81
	443.96
<b>Debt Charges</b>	
Interest.....	1.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Reporting school taxes remitted.....	50.06
Soc. Ser. Tax Req. remitted.....	81.00
Refund dry license.....	5.00
<b>Balances Dec. 31, 1946 (in bank)</b>	
Municipal or General acct....	2725.43
Agriculture trust.....	450.38
Cemetery trust.....	229.62
	3,360.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,508.22</b>

### GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Land, Buildings, Plant and Equipment and Municipal Improvements					
Land	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Other	Grand Total	Total
General Government: Civic offices....	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
<b>Protection Persons and Property:</b>					
Fire department.....	200	1900	750	2850	2850
Public Works:					
Workshops, yards and other buildings	25			25	
Streets and Roads.....				2926	2926
Sanitation and Waste Removal:					
Garbage, waste collections, disposal	50			50	50
Recreation Services:					
Skating rinks and arenas.....	200	550		750	750
Community Services:					
Exhibitions and Fairs.....	400	100		500	
Parks.....	300			300	800
Cemetery.....	500			500	500
<b>Total General Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1675</b>	<b>\$ 2550</b>	<b>\$ 850</b>	<b>\$ 2926</b>	<b>\$ 8001</b>

### 1946 MILL RATE, ASSESSMENT AND REQUISITION STATEMENT

Assessment (omit cents)	Mill rate	1946 requisit'n	Requisition paid in 1946
Municipal.....	\$237,231	15	
Electric Light and Power.....	6,100	10	
School Division or District No. 32.....	237,231	21	4,668.40
Social Services Tax.....			81.00
			81.00

### REVENUE

Taxation for Mun., Sshool, Social Services Tax and Hospital Purposes	
Land.....	960.77
Improvements, buildings, etc. ....	5840.00
	6800.77
Personal Property.....	1750.00
Electric light and power.....	61.00
	8,611.77

### REVENUE FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT) ACCOUNT

Debit	Credit	Balance
Balance of surplus (or deficit) at beginning of year.....	6,807.61	6,807.61
Taxes transferred from Irma School District.....	1,078.65	
Balance after above adjustments.....		7,886.26
Curling Rink transferred from Capital.....		
Cancel due from Capital.....	185.00	432.00
Surplus or deficit for year under review.....	646.06	
Balance of surplus or deficit at end of year.....	7,487.20	7,487.20
Totals of Debit and Credit Columns.....	8,318.26	8,318.26

### TAXES RECEIVABLE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1946

Current year's levy	Prior year's arrears	Taxes on forfeited lands	Total
Balance January 1, 1946.....	\$ 556.08	\$ 367.51	\$ 923.59
Current year's levy.....	8,591.17	20.60	8,611.77
Penalties and Costs added in 1946.....	45.92	40.29	86.21
Taxes transferred to Municipality.....	855.47	223.18	1,078.65
Total due.....	\$ 8,591.17	\$ 1,457.47	\$ 10,700.22
Collections in 1946 including Costs.....	6,732.05	579.16	7,364.21
Cancellations.....	1.76	97.87	99.63
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1946.....	\$ 1,859.12	\$ 876.55	\$ 500.71
			\$ 2,326.38

### REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

Balances Dec. 31, 1946 (in bank)	
Municipal or general account....	2725.43
Agriculture trust.....	405.38
Cemetery trust.....	229.62
	3,360.43
<b>Investments</b>	
Victory Bonds.....	1,500.00
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Agreements for sale, Curling club 345.60	
Hospital, aid and relief accounts	
chargeable to person.....	51.45
Tax recovery costs.....	3.05
	400.10
<b>Taxes Receivable, not including property acquired for taxes</b>	
Municipal or amalgamated taxes.....	2,735.67
Taxes Receivable on property acquired for taxes	
Municipal or amalgamated taxes.....	500.71
Inventories (value of consumable goods or supplies on hand)	
Fire dept. 60.00, misc. 25.00.....	85.00
Accrued Items	
Bond interest.....	7.50
	500.71
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,589.41</b>

### ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

(Bonds, Debentures, Stock or Other Securities)  
Dominion Govt. (in revenue fund)..... \$1,500.00

### REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	
Salaries: Sec.-Treas.....	46.80
Light and power.....	39.00
Doctor bills.....	5.00
Fire dept. light.....	4.00
Skating rink: caretaker.....	40.00
Supplies.....	8.11
Fuel 5.95, police dept. 99.05.....	105.00
Councillors' fees.....	76.00
	323.91

### REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET LIABILITIES

Due to Province	
Old Age and Blind pensions.....	23.80
Reserve for uncollectable accts. receivable.....	54.50
Reserve for uncollectable taxes.....	300.00
Reserve for property acquired for taxes.....	400.00
Surplus.....	7,487.20
	8,589.41

### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have audited the accounts of the Village of Irma for the year ending December 31, 1946, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in our opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Village according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned in the Auditor's Special Report.

Dated at Edmonton, this 11th day of January, 1947.

(Signed) Patquin, Duncan, McLary, McLary and King, Chartered Accountants.

431 Tegler Building, Edmonton.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

#### LAND UNDER THE TAX RECOVERY ACT

Total number of parcels finally acquired by Village but not sold at Dec. 31, 1946..... 8

Number under tax notification..... 8

Date last tax notificat'n registered at LTO Ap. 3/45

Date of last public sale..... Feb. 16, '42

Number of parcels sold at private sale in 1946..... 4

Receipts from lands sold in 1946..... \$53.00

Total tax sale and lease receipts in 1946..... \$53.00

Above receipts have been credited to Mun. Acct. TAXES CANCELLED UNDER Sec. 24(2)

Municipal or amalgamated taxes..... \$97.87

Total cancellations..... \$97.87

Grand total land and water area..... 160.00

VALUATION OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

#### Government Property

Provincial: land..... \$ 170

Dept. public works \$ 170

Total provincial..... 170

#### Municipal:

Used by village..... 250

Schools..... 1415

Public parks..... 300

Rink property..... 900

Total Municipal..... 2865

Total govt. property 3035

Property used for Educational, Religious, Charitable and Welfare Purposes

Religious purposes..... 575

Charitable and Welfare purposes..... 250

Total property used for educational, religious, charitable and welfare purposes..... 825

Grand total exemptions 3860

22630

26490

#### ROAD and STREET MILEAGE

gravel or stone unpaved Total

Provincial highways: main..... 50

secondary..... 50

Total roads and Streets..... 175

Public lanes and alleys..... 84

Total road and street mileage 2.75

84

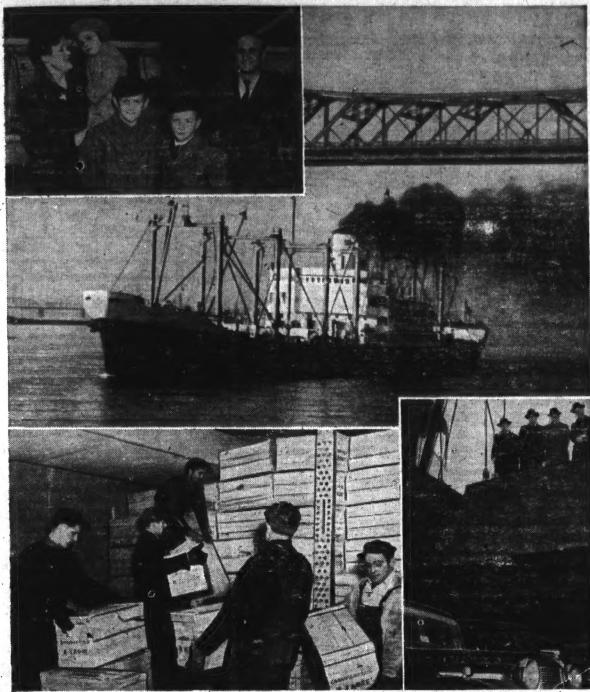
#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

The information contained in this report is as shown by the books and records of the Village, from my own observations or obtained from other officials of the Village—and all of which I certify to be true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and in agreement with the auditor's report where necessary.

Dated January 13, 1947.

(Signed) A. C. CHARTER,

Secretary-Treasurer.



**BUSY BEAVERS:** Back on the seas again, the growing Canadian Pacific Beaver fleet of fast cargo ships carried some 200,000 tons of foodstuffs and other products to Britain during the Montreal shipping season. Above, the heavily-laden Beaverlenn passes under the Jacques Cartier Bridge bound for London on one of the 20 C.P.S.S. sailings during the summer. Inset at top shows the family of George Nichols, formerly of London, England, arriving on the Beaverlenn to settle in Canada at Niagara Falls. Bottom left, shows part of a large shipment of eggs being loaded on the Beaverlenn. Picture at bottom right shows some small English cars arriving in Canada on the Beaverlenn when she reached Montreal on her maiden trip.



**POLISH VETERANS WELCOMED TO CANADA:** Approximately 1,700 Polish war veterans, members of the famous British 8th Army, landed at Halifax in November and were transported across Canada by Canadian Pacific Railway for immediate placement at farm work. Top, J. S. W. Grocholski, Toronto lawyer and president of the Canadian Polish Congress, extends a welcome to a group of the beribboned vets, many of whom were wearing the 8th Army crusade patch and all who were still in uniform. They were discharged before sailing from Naples, Italy, and will soon don civilian clothes. In the lower picture the new arrivals received part of their last army pay in the embarkation area through the Canadian Pacific offices before being despatched to various Canadian army depots for disposal to Canadian farms.

**WHITEWASH RECIPE**  
A waterproof whitewash for outdoor buildings is made up in the following proportions: Slake 62 pounds of quick-lime in 12 gallons of hot water and 2 pounds of salt and 1 pound of sulphate of zinc dissolved in 2 gallons of water. To this add 2 gallons of skim milk. An ounce of alum improves this wash, but it is not essential.

The following recipe is for a disinfectant whitewash: dissolve 50 pounds of lime in 8 gallons of boiling water. To this add 6 gallons of hot water in which 10 pounds of salt and 1 pound of alum have been dissolved. A can of lye is added to every 25 gallons of the mixture. A pound of cement to every 3 gallons is gradually added and stirred thoroughly.

If the whitewash is required for metal surfaces subject to rust, the salt should be omitted. The alum prevents the lime from rubbing off, the cement makes the creamy mixture easy to apply, and the lye is added as a disinfectant.

If a real snowy whiteness is desired, add a very small quantity of washing blue. —Wheat Pool Budget.

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## Viking Items

In appreciation for the splendid support given the picture shows since January 13, 1946, when they were taken over by the movie division of the Board of Trade, the management staged a party for the children Monday afternoon and another in the evening for adults. At both performances, the hall was filled to see the movie "Smoky" a high class western.

There are a lot of organizations looking for free publicity and most of the stuff finds its way to our wastebasket. But once in a while something worth while comes along and this week two booklets one from the provincial Dept. of health, on health matters reached our desk, and one from the Robin Hood Flour Mills on how to prevent accidents at home, at work and at play, both of which are commendable.

Gordon Gray who put up a game fight against Ray Colling here December 13, is billed to appear in a preliminary bout in Edmonton on January 21 against an opponent by the name of McCullough. Our linotype wizard, Norm Rashbrook, intends to be at the ringside, guest of Marlow who promoted the Dec. 13 show here.

A new hold-up alarm system, which has been devised by the Bank of Montreal, in conjunction with a protective agency, is now being installed in all the bank's branches across the country, and the bank's local office here has already been provided with this added protection.

The first use of a system of this type, the bank is meeting with the fullest co-operation of police departments across the country. Deemed by police as "most commendable" and worthy of the "fullest co-operation," this system is designed to combat the wave of bank hold-ups that has been sweeping the country in recent months. It is based on the latest ideas in protection and makes use of the most up-to-date equipment. At a number of points arrangements have been made with other financial institutions for mutual protection.

Mr. O. Widdal, well known farmer of Strome district, passed away on Sunday, January 12 at the age of 86 years. Funeral services will be held at the Scandinavia church southwest of town on Friday of this week, Rev. I. Saugen officiating.

Word has been received that Mr. Andrew McGuire, formerly of Viking, died in Vancouver on Sunday, January 12.

Due to the death of his sister, Mrs. Scheidecker, of Seattle on Monday, the funeral of Mr. McGuire has been postponed and will take place in Viking from St. Mary's church at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 20.

The amalgamation of the UFA and AFU did not take place after all. The question was debated at the annual five day convention held in Edmonton last week. The 30,000 according to figures appearing in the press. They are a more AFU has a membership of over militant organization than the UFA and the AFU and from all accounts do not believe in any pussy-footing policies. The AFU is a very much alive organization and it is very likely that it will carry on as a separate body for some time yet.

The rectory of the United church in Manville was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, when Sheila, daughter of Mrs. D. Johnston and the late Mr. B. Johnston of Rodino, became the bride of John Baldwin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin of Rodino. The Rev. McLeod of Manville officiated.

The bride wore a blue dressmaker suit with matching accessories and a corsage of violets.

Helen Lunquist of Minburn was bridesmaid, and Mr. Art Wright of Manville acted as best man.

A reception was held at the home of Mrs. Parlee of Minburn. The tables for the buffet supper were decorated with chrysanthemums and roses.

The bride and groom spent a short honeymoon in Edmonton.

The annual meeting of the Anglican W.A. was held in the home of Mrs. James Milne on Thurs. Jan. 9. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

Pres.—Mrs. H. Child.

Secretary—Mrs. D. Scott.

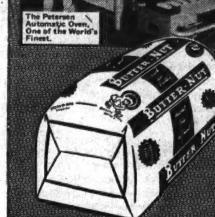
Treasurer—Mrs. R. Smith.

Dorcas Sec.—Mrs. Evans.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Village of Viking will be held on Friday, Jan. 31.



## Round and Round They Go...



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Bread that was a discovery of the ancient Egyptians, the first to make it. Until that time bread was made in flat cakes, baked over an open fire. The primitive method is shown in Fig. 2. Early Canadians traps were used to turn over their dough by winding a stick about the stick and ground close to the fire (Fig. 3). Outdoor ovens like the one in Fig. 4 were used in the prairie and rural Quebec (Fig. 5) and can be seen in many places.

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The bush shown in this photograph of the late Sir Charles Saunders, Dominion Councillor from 1902 to 1922, was recently presented in the William Saunders Building, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The late Sir Charles was the son of Dr. William Saunders, first Director of the Dominion Experimental Farm. Most of the work that resulted in the discovery of the Marquis strain of wheat was done at the Experimental Farm under Dr. Saunders. The unveiling was performed by Dr. L. H. Newman (left), present Dominion Councillor, who succeeded Sir Charles Saunders to the position. Those shown in the photograph besides Dr. Newman are Lionel Postbury, who made the bush, and Dr. E. G. Archibald, present Director, Dominion Experimental Farm.



OUR COMPLETE  
SHORT STORY—

## MABEL WASN'T TALKING

By HOWARD BECKLER

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WHOEVER made that crack about the orneriness of women, knew what he was talking about. This sage remarked that there is only one thing on earth easier for a man to do than eat a T-bone steak smothered with onions, and that is start a ruckus with the wife.

Now take the case of Mabel and me. That's the wife, Mabel. She isn't talking to me at present. And for what? That's what gets a guy down. For what?

At the time this happened, I was out of work, but Mabel was dragging home her forty a week and we were tickling along all right. I was getting to be quite a meal hustler. No sir, my cooking wasn't bad. At least, we never had to call for the stomach pump.

Then one morning the ice man gives me a silly grin and simpers, "Have you finished your Spring cleaning as yet, Mr. Nelson?" and he laughed like he felt something was very funny. He was referring to me Joe Nelson, and for some reason his little quip spoiled my whole day. I just put my head in my hands and so I decided to drive downtown and pick up Mabel at work. I figured we could have a barbecue somewhere along the line.

Mabel was late coming down from the office, and when she arrived there was a tall, handsome goober walking with her. They stopped close to the car, but Mabel didn't see me lurking. "It's been a wonderful day in my life, doctor. I'll never forget it." After that she shakes hands with the guy.

He says, "Indeed you shouldn't, Mrs. Nelson." And it seems like he is never going to leave go of her hand. I am getting ready to climb out of the car, but I'll just sit down, when he finally lets go.

This doctor leaves. I toot the horn at Mabel and she comes over to the car, all smiles. Not me. I am feeling ugly. If I do say so, Mabel is a nifty number, and I am jealous as the next one. But I don't mention this doctor, and neither does she. That's what gets me to hold anything back on me.

We had a barbecue. It was lousy, or maybe it was just the way I was feeling.

Mabel said, "What's the matter, hon?" She hands me that golden smile of hers, but it doesn't register.

The next night, I have a swell feed all fixed up. I am feeling like a heel. I think I'll square myself with Mabel again. I am a dime a dozen. I am a rings at six o'clock. "Good, I'm sorry, hon," said Mabel. "I've got to work a little overtime. I'll be home about ten.

That was that. I sat down alone to eat. Mabel got home right at ten. She seemed happy about something, but I was ugly again. We didn't do much talking. Things were getting me down.

I went over to the club for a game of handball one morning, and Bill Sparrow says, "I see your wife at Bolono's having supper Tuesday night with some gent. Looked old enough to be her grandpappy."

I gulped and said, "Yeah, it was." Then I thought, "Mabel must have to work until ten. I figure maybe I can't blame Mabel much. Architects are a dime a dozen. That's my racket, and my future is about as bright as a London fog. But it hurts just the same. Especially when you feel the way I do about Mabel."

It's funny how a guy will hang on like a puppy dog, when he sees the chipmunk. I am a good sport. I called for Mabel every night after that, but I never caught her with the doctor again. She didn't have any more dinners with the old gent either. And Mabel is feeling like a million all the time. She's kidding me and laughing and joking all the time. If she'd been a little sad about things, I probably would have felt better. She was getting me down, lower and lower.

"How about a game of cards with Jane and Eddie Drew?" Mabel asks me one night.

"No thanks," I tell Mabel. This Jane Drew is a big gossip monger, and I don't care for her. "I'm going out tonight."

"Where?" Mabel wants to know. I didn't answer her. I just sat and stared at the door after me like a ten-year-old. I went down and bowed a couple games. Some blonde sat side of me in the club bar lounge, and asked me if I was lonesome. First I told her to scram, and when she didn't I bought her a couple of drinks. I was lonesome. Lonesome for Mabel.

Mabel was still up when I got home. She was acting nervous.

"It's getting you down, Joey," she said. "Being out of work is getting you down. But that's all over now.

## GIRLS ENTERING WOMANHOOD...

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I've got a surprise for you, Joey. In fact, I've got two surprises for you."

"Ugh!" I grunted. I was not listening very hard.

"The other night, when T said I had to work, I was out to dinner with old Mr. Prescott. He's an old friend of my dad's, Joey. He's the biggest architect in town. And he called up to me, 'Joey, I have a job for you.'

"I said, 'I'm sorry, Mr. Prescott. I have no time to go to work, and I should send you down to see him Monday. He's got a job for you.'

I guess my face changed colors, and my tongue wouldn't work. I couldn't say anything. Mabel kept right on talking.

"And it's a good thing you're getting a job, because I have to quit mine."

"'Quit'?" I manage to say. "Yes. You see I went to the doctor the other day and... well, there's going to be three in the Nelson family, Joey, that's all."

"Aw, gee, Mabel," you can imagine how I felt. The whole world was right again. Things were cleared up like magic. I was thinking of the job, but of course I could never say anything to Mabel. It wouldn't be right. She'd think I didn't trust her anymore.

Everything was wonderful. The telephone rang. Mabel answered it. She was gone quite a while.

"That was Jane Drew," Mabel said. "She's a real goodie and the world was here. 'No wonder you didn't want to play cards with Eddie and Jane tonight. They saw you sitting at Tony's bar with some blonde hussy!'"

Mabel started to bawl after that, and I am sitting there speechless again.

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## Poland Has Plans

How To Increase Food Production  
And Raise Living Standards

Poland has adopted a three-year plan to raise industrial output in 1949. The nation's chief efforts will be directed toward increasing the production of food, clothing and footwear, to raise the level of nutrition and general standards of living among the majority of people.

Polish authorities have provided

considerable industrial resources

which the government is now quickly

developing. Poland's three-year plan shows the resilience of spirit of the Polish people. Over 1,000 textile plants have been restored, as well as 29 of the 53 wood pulp mills destroyed in the war.

Food production has already been increased and the production of electrical power will soon

reach pre-war standards.—Toronto Star.

## Fashions

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Among some primitive people, it was the custom to bury sick people to cure them.

CANADA PROVIDES  
\$2,177,245 OF BUDGET

Total of \$67,130,000 Approved  
By U.N. General Assembly

NEW YORK.—The United Nations General Assembly approved budgets for 1946 and 1947 totalling \$67,130,000, of which Canada will provide \$2,177,245.

The budget is divided as follows: Administrative budget for 1946, \$19,390,000, Canada's share 3.35 per cent.

Administrative budget for 1947, \$27,140,000, Canada's share 3.20 per cent.

Working capital, \$20,000,000, Canada's share 3.20 per cent.

Canada had already contributed \$1,090,500 of her share in these budgets.

The United States will carry the heaviest load with an assessment of 39.89 per cent of the total.

Assessments on other nations ranged from 11.48 per cent for the United Kingdom, 6.34 for Russia down to 0.4 per cent for a number of small nations including Iceland, Costa Rica, Haiti, Paraguay and Nicaragua.

A separate budget for the International Refugee Organization set up by the UN, will cost \$151,060,500 for operations and \$4,800,000 for administration.

Canada's share of these two items will be \$5,287,717 and \$153,600, respectively.



FIRST WOMAN MAYOR—First woman mayor of Prince Rupert, B.C., Nora E. Arnald, shown here, won the election with a four-vote majority over Mayor J. D. Daggett. An older woman in the 1946 council, she is a former school teacher now in the real estate business.

## Advancing With Times

## British Scientists Are Turning Their Attention To Latest Research

The Empire Digest reports that in Britain today scientific research is being harnessed to the needs of industry, and scientists who during the war worked such ideas as jet-propulsion, penicillin, radar, rocketry, the radio-proximity shell fuse and a considerable part of atomic fission work, will now turn their attention to research that will keep Britain abreast of the latest advantages in commercial technology. Among the scientific workers now out of the defense plant and in civilian development by United Kingdom technicians and scientists are jet-driven locomotives; a trans-Atlantic jet-plane that will cruise 550 miles an hour and weigh more than 90,000 pounds; new radar devices that will make roads, railways and ports more accident-free; new adaptations of penicillin; new ways to make people healthier and crops more fruitful; and a liner of the "Queen Mary" type, driven by atomic power.

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While the refectory is now being rebuilt, nothing can be done with the fresco, which soon will become nothing but a memory.

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

## WEED KILLER WARNING

OTTAWA.—The agriculture department warned against use of the new weed killer 2,4-D on field crops, discarding that application in too large amounts can injure grain and grass.

Although a light application of the weed killer often boosts the yield of field crops because it kills many weeds, experiments by the department show the danger of too heavy applications.

## PRE-MIDNIGHT REST

One scientist states that the "natural" sleeping hours of human beings are from 8 p.m. to midnight.

He adds that those who suffer from sleeplessness would do better to retire early in the evening and get as much sleep as possible before midnight.

## KNUIFE-FORK COMBINATION FOR ONE-ARMED

Aid for the one-armed is the purpose of this unique instrument. It was invented by Walter Callow, himself a veteran of World War I, and a patient at Halifax's Camp Hill Military Hospital since 1941. Callow, now blind in addition to being paralyzed, listened to the complaint of a fellow patient who had one arm amputated. To help him, Callow devised the tool. It is a combined knife and fork, scimitar-shaped, with the cutting edge on the outside arc. The user cuts meat by rolling the knife back and forth. The device has been tested and found satisfactory by several one-armed veterans at the hospital.

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"Last Supper", Doomed

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## RECIPES

Exposure To Wind And Rain  
During War Causing Corrosion

MILAN, Italy.—A jumble of faded colored blots is all that remains today of one of the world's great masterpieces, Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper".

Exposure to wind and rain after Allied bombs partially destroyed the refectory of Milan's church of Santa Maria delle Grazie where Leonardo created his greatest work of art has irreparably added to the damage caused by chemical agents through centuries.

Leonardo's greatest masterpiece was to paint his fresco on an extraordinarily damp wall with self-invented, untested pigments. The blotched remnants proved they were a failure.

Corrosion already was spreading swiftly over the painting at the time of the "great plague" in 1626 when the entire interior of Santa Maria delle Grazie was covered with a thick layer of white plasters. The fresco, however, luckily spared the "supper" but the condition of the fresco and the church got steadily worse until 1837. In that year, the Sardinian Government ordered to restore Santa Maria delle Grazie with the financial aid of designer Sen. Ettore Conti.

What little was done to the fresco was a mere fulfillment of an artistic duty, as experts already were firmly convinced that it was beyond restoration.

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## DROP BISCUITS

With a few alterations, 1911 will

be a good with cereals substituted for nuts. Use 1 cup of Grape-Nuts Flakes, Grape-Nuts, Post's Bran Flakes, or crushed Post Toasties instead of the nuts.

CRISP PEANUT COOKIES

1 1/2 cups sifted flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup shortening

1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

1 egg, unbeaten

1/4 cup milk

1/2 cup chopped peanuts

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, salt, and sift again.

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Add flour alternately with milk, mixing well after each addition. Add peanuts and blend.

Drop on greased baking sheet; flatten slightly with a fork. Bake in moderate oven (375 deg. F.) 12 to 15 minutes, or until done. Makes 25 cookies, 3 1/2 inches in diameter.

## An Exclusive Ranch

R.C.A.F. Veterans Is Raising Valuable Chinchillas On Vancouver Island

Veterans Affairs reports that Jeff Jeffries, an R.C.A.F. veteran who operates one of the very few chinchilla ranches in Canada, just outside Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, is doing so with the help of awaiting returns allowance from D.V.A. His wife, Lee, is his business partner. An everyday sort of chinchilla ranching, the animals cost about \$75,000, but a ready to use ranch of 125,000, the little animals look like a cross between a squirrel, a rat and a rabbit; their fur is incredibly soft. Last fall the Jeffries set to work raising chinchillas on the farm they had just purchased at the cost of \$12,000. The animals have 10 of the domesticated Chilean creatures, which are valued at about \$1,500 a pair. Two years ago Jeff sent down to Colorado and purchased two pairs of the rodents, then paid for boarding them at a ranch until he was discharged from the Air Force. He and his wife are raising breeding stock.

OFFICIAL WAR HISTORY

There are 15 officers and 28 other ranks of the Canadian Army presently at work compiling an official history of World War II. Army Headquarters announced recently that it is expected that a one-volume official history will be ready for distribution sometime next summer, and that the official history proper, consisting of four volumes, will be ready for publication in about five years.



## GOING TO REUNION

with British servicemen whom she has nursed to health during their stay here during the war. Mrs. Jeff Jeffries is shown in store for Dr. Alice M. North, seen as she sailed from New York on the Queen Elizabeth. Sailors and marines who regained their health at her home will meet her at Southampton and London.

## CHEMICALLY-WRAPPED

## ORANGES BETTER FOR SHIPPING

POMONA, Cal.—A year of experimental citrus has indicated that California citrus fruit can be shipped across country by rail without loss from decay.

Dr. Robert A. Baum, chemical engineer, who conducted the experiments, said the citrus wrapping paper had been perfected which by treatment with chemicals controls blue and green molds commonly found in citrus fruit.

He said chemically-wrapped oranges in a recent shipment to Hong Kong arrived in 50 per cent better condition than a similar amount of fruit in standard wrappings.

## MONOPOLY INCREASED

China's tung oil supplies are reported to be increasing, due to a program to increase production of tung oil, virtual Chinese monopoly in world markets. Tung tree plantations will be given every encouragement under a plan based on findings of the Sino-American agricultural commission.

Scientists recognize 11 cultivated species of races of wheat.

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## BALANCED FARMING

Experimental Farm News  
Diversification, coupled with consolidation, is the farmers best protection against uncontrollable risks. The farmer who has a variety of farm products to take to market will suffer less than the specialized farmer should any of the uncontrollable factors, which adversely affect farming, occur.

Rotation experiments at the dominion experimental station, Lacombe, Alberta, since 1911, show that continuous grain growing, in a rotation in which the land is summer fallowed every third year, causes an increase in weeds, in weed seed dockage and in the cost of tilling the soil. A decrease in fertility and a corresponding reduction in yield per acre also results. At the same time, the diversified farming Rotation "O" which includes an inter-tilled crop and an application of barnyard manure every seven years, and two years in a grass-legume hay, has kept the land free from weeds, improved soil fertility, reduced the cost of summerfallowing and increased the yield of wheat on summerfallowed land 18 bushels per acre over that of the grain growing Rotation "C."

Possibly the most remarkable feature of these tests is that diversified farming tends to eliminate the need of summerfallowing in central Alberta as shown by Rotation "K" in which the land has not been summerfallowed since 1911, and in which there is no weed problem. In this rotation wheat following an inter-tilled crop in 1946 produced 60.1 bushels per acre or 37.5 bushels per acre more than that grown on the fallowed land of the grain growing Rotation "C."

Further remarkable yields recorded in 1946 in these two diversified farming rotations is the 114.2 bushel yield of oats following a 55.0 bushel cereal crop or wheat grown on potato land in crop "O" and a 63.4 bushel crop of barley grown on wheat stubble land in Rotation "K."

These yields are given as evidence to support the statement that the farmer who maintains a well balanced farm and who protects his business by using modern implements in a practical and intelligent way, who uses good seed of approved varieties, who produces grain, grasses, legume and other crops in a definite diversified crop rotation, who produces most of the feed for livestock on his own farm and maintains herds and flocks of cattle, swine, sheep and poultry, and has dairy and poultry products for sale will weather a period of adversity much better than will the specialized farmer who has only one farm product to sell.



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Our farmers alone are bonusing 12 million people of Canada at \$1.25 a bushel on all the wheat grown in Canada for bread and flour—70 million bushels a year. The Searle Grain Company thinks this is absolutely unnecessary and unfair, and suggests farmers should be credited not with \$1.25 only on this wheat but with the full world price which today is \$2.25.

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## The LETTER BOX

## CHRISTMAS MAIL

Ottawa, January 8, 1947

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Despite the fact that a new all time high in weight and volume of Christmas mailings was established this year, the postal service functioned throughout the crisis period with a smoothness and efficiency that was equally unprecedented. So expeditiously was the mail handled and delivered, indeed, that by Christmas Eve, Canadian Post Offices, with few exceptions, were back on a normal operating basis, a condition which permitted most members of the staffs to enjoy Christmas Day at home with their families and friends.

Many factors of course, combined to bring about this desirable state of affairs. Improved and simplified methods of handling mail in the Post Offices made it possible to utilize the services of many thousands of temporary employees, mostly War Veterans, to the best possible advantage. These helpers did a splendid job and they are entitled to the highest commendation for the spirit and energy which they injected into the discharge of their duties.

Before they could handle this mail, however, it had to be in their hands, and it is in this respect that the principal credit must go to the success of the Dept. "Mail Early" campaign, in which the newspapers of Canada played such an important and generous part. Heavy mailings started as early as Dec. 16 this year, and in such volume, that by the time the peak date of Dec. 18 arrived, the largest part was already in the mail stream. From Dec. 18 to Dec. 24 there was a steady decline, until on the last day, in most offices mailings were but slightly above normal levels.

The co-operation shown by the public and the part played by the newspapers in bringing it about is deeply appreciated by the Dept. and myself. On behalf of the Postal Service generally, therefore, I wish to acknowledge, in the warmest possible terms, the great assistance we have received from your newspaper.

Yours sincerely,  
W. J. Turnbull,  
Deputy Postmaster General.

"Medical science provides the means of fighting tuberculosis, provided infection is found early and no time is lost in taking advantage of treatment."—E. A. Stephens.

## LOCALS

Mrs. Les Robertson has been on the sick list for a week or more. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. M. McMillan with her sister, Mrs. J. McMahon, plans to leave in a few days on a trip to Ontario to visit with another sister whose home is at Port Arthur.

A United church bible school will be opened at Lamont. The course will continue from Feb. 16 to March 10. Anyone of 16 years or older is eligible. This course is for those desirous of knowledge and training in local church work. There will be a dormitory for students and meals will be served there. Anyone interested in this please communicate with the Rev. H. W. Inglis, Irma.

Don't forget the Board of Trade meeting Tuesday, January 21.

On January 12 Martha Pyke had a live butterfly on display which she had found fluttering about in the house. On examination it proved to be a cabbage butterfly. We've had those things get ahead of our cabbages before, but not this far ahead.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. L. Guiltner, who had been quite ill for several weeks, is now on the mend and able to be up and about again.

The Irma senior hockey team won two games with shutouts this week, defeating Bruce 3-0 on Tuesday evening and Viking 2-0 on Wednesday.

Mr. Jas. Jackson left for Calgary on Wednesday where he will attend a board meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. He also plans to take in the UFA convention. He promises us a report for next week's Times.

Mr. and Mrs. John Archibald and Vera spent their Xmas and New Year holiday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pavely of Ethelton, Sask.

Mr. W. Jenkins of Runsey spent his Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pavely of Ethelton, Sask.

Irma is starting out the New Year with a fine crop of new citizens. Last week-end brought a baby son to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fuder.

On Tuesday last a baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ostad. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Feero are also rejoicing over a new baby boy. It looks as though Irma is on the map to stay.

A number of Irma citizens are taking in the Hardisty bopspiel. A rink composed of R. Kirkman, J. Fletcher, C. Anquist and S. Hylynska won their first game in the Hardisty Grand challenge on Tues. We hope their luck holds out for the rest of the spel.

So many lovely cards and letters came addressed to the Times this Christmas that we felt we would like to say "thank you" and to take a moment to share with all our readers the thought that the Times is something we share in common with Mrs. Carl Finch at Flin Flon, Mrs. McGregor in Los Angeles, Mrs. Gubins (nee Clara Sellars) in New York county, the Watson's and a dozen or more other friends in Vancouver, the A. E. Blakley's at Victoria, our nurs-

ing friends at Lamont hospital, our ex-guest children Marjorie and Betsy McKeen in England and a host of others in between these various points.

Betsy McKeen writes us she plans to return to Irma when she is 17. That will be in about two years, won't it Betsy? We'll be looking for you.

In closing, we would like to quote a passage from a letter we received from Miss Susie McKay who is a chemical la. technician at Buckingham, Que., and an ardent supporter of the Irma Times. "I was rather struck one day when it seemed that all the hometown papers arrived simultaneously. And as we all took few moments off to glance over the main items, our manager came through. And for a few minutes he stepped down from his official status and spoke to us as one man to another. He said that although he had been away from home town for about 40 years, he still took the paper. Most of his old friends had either moved away or passed on, but the paper remained as the one tie between him and his youth. I was impressed by the fact that the small newspaper is, and can be, a powerful influence on the nation.

UP BARLEY PRICE  
RATHER THAN BONUS  
ACREAGE IS URGED

Acres Bonus ~~150~~ is claimed to be inadequate.

Fourteen reasons favouring increased barley price rather than an acreage bonus in order to obtain the greater barley acreage needed to meet Canada's requirements are set forth in a letter forwarded by Cecil Lamont, Pres. of the North-West Line Elevators Association, to Prime Minister King, and released today.

The Dominion Minister of Agriculture recently announced that he would recommend to the Gov't. that it pay a bonus of \$5.00 an acre to induce farmers to increase barley acreage from the 6,730,000 acres sown in 1946 to 8,000,000 acres this year. He further indi-

cated that the acreage bonus would replace the equalization fee of 15 cents paid to farmers on barley marketed.

The letter to the Prime Minister states that: "The world situation calls for maximum possible production of wheat in 1947 and the best means of securing the increased barley acreage proposed is to increase the price paid to farmers rather than to bonus acreage." It further states that "The program appears to us as being designed to meet commitment for bulk sales of bacon and pork products to the British Market, without giving due consideration to the best interests of the Prairie farmer."

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